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There is no effort on the part of the Negro Press and race agitator to identify the American Negro with a National Negro Holiday. In fact there is such little comment, that it is impossible to estimate what the attitude of the army of Negro editors is on this very important question. There is not the slightest doubt that the Negro Race, as other races, would greatly benefit, religiously, socially, commercially and politically by setting apart a day for the universal recognition of some one of our National characters, whose deeds should be commemorated.

The St. Patrick's Day precedent established by Judge Killen of Tennessee is another good reason why the National Negro Holiday should be encouraged. Besides giving us an opportunity to think and act with one accord at least once a year it might be the means of relief for many hapless beings who are victims of circumstances. It would be an easy matter for the members of most any race to establish their Negro identity on Frederick Douglass Day. Following is a clipping from the Boston Post:

"Nashville, Tenn., March 17.—Police Judge Killen, following his annual custom, today visited the local police stations and announced to

the prisoners that in honor of St. Patrick's day he would release all the Irish. Every inmate of the prison, including some Negroes, claimed to be sons of Erin, so Judge Killen released them all."